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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT WITH PRIMIN

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1. YOUR NOV. 16 MEETING WITH PRIMIN PROVIDES GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW CURRENT USG-GSL RELATIONS. YOU CAN STRESS HOW PLEASED WE ARE THAT THESE CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT, AS WELL AS OUR SYMPATHY FOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS GSL IS FACING AND OUR HOPE THAT OCTOBER 1 REFORMS WILL SUCCEED IN TURNING ECONOMY AROUND.

2. PL-480: YOU MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT ALTHOUGH 20,000 TON PL-480 TITLE I ALLOCATION IS NOT ALL WE HAD HOPED FOR, IT PUTS SRI LANKA IN SELECT FRATERNITY.

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3. INDIAN OCEAN: YOU CAN EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR

LOW-KEY GSL PLAYING OF USS HANCOCK PRESENCE. ON UN INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE RESOLUTION, WE HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS FROM SRI LANKA BASED ON OUR LONG-STANDING INTEREST AS MARITIME POWER IN FREEDOM OF SEAS. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE PERIODIC PRESENCE US SHIPS IN INDIAN OCEAN IS COMPATIBLE WITH SRI LANKA'S OWN INTEREST IN AVOIDING

MONOPOLY FOR ANY NAVAL POWER IN AREA. (FYI. IF PRIMIN RAISES QUESTION OF US COOPERATION IN STUDY CALLED FOR IN IOPZ RESOLUTION OF GREAT POWER MILITARY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, SUGGEST YOU REMAIN NON-COMMITTAL. END FYI).

4. MIDDLE EAST: IN DISCUSSING CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS, SUGGEST YOU DRAW ON PEKING'S 1406 REPEATED COLOMBO WHICH REPORTS SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW ON THIS SUBJECT. CASEY

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